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29 October 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Special Assistant to the Director
for Planning and Development

SUBJECT: Responsibilities for Research, Development
and Test Activities

1. Reference your memorandum dated 24 October 1958 (DPS 4898), Operations' comments are mainly confined to the test activities. In order to effect maximum utilization of the testing facilities at the following factors should be considered:

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- a. Number of aircraft assigned
- b. Number of aircraft available for Headquarters directed tests.
- c. Number of aircraft at Lockheed for modification, IRAN, etc.
- d. Number of aircraft being held in operational configuration for ZI missions or overseas deployment to tactical detachments.
- e. Priority and number of tests.
- f. Number of pilots available.
- g. Requirements for proficiency flights as pertains to safety of flight; in addition to accident reporting procedures, emergencies, etc.
- h. Programmed allocation of flight time for budget and contractual reasons.
- i. Timely preparation of the adequate SOP's for equipments introduced into the active inventory compatible with the operational limitations and capabilities of the equipments concerned.
- j. Obtain malfunction and/or wear and tear data to determine reliability and insure necessary spare part support.
- k. Development of necessary procedures for airborne vs. ground operations for such things as data reduction, information dissemination, delivery of sensitized materials, etc. All things pertaining to a complete operational cycle should be provided to the operating units simultaneously.
- l. Aircraft rotation due to IRAN; resulting ferry flights, and for deployment.

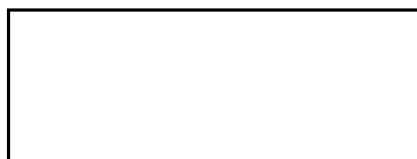
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2. Based on the above, it is recommended that Operations be the focal point for all tasks assigned to [] that Materiel be the focal point for all tasks assigned to []. Appropriate R & D staff agencies would be responsible for the assignment of tasks and priorities, as well as the technical evaluation of the tasks. Operations would be responsible for the operational evaluation of the tasks, in addition to the appropriate considerations mentioned in paragraph 1.

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3. It is felt that the above recommendations are compatible with your memorandum and that the details or SOP's could be worked out to the satisfaction of all staff agencies. Informal discussions with various personnel involved indicate that the main problem areas revolve around coordination and carry over value of the various projects.



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